

## What does Medicaid cover?

Medicaid has three different medical plans: Traditional, Non-Traditional, and PCN. Medicaid may cover the following services depending on the Medicaid plan.

- , doctor visits,
- , specialists,
- , limited vision,
- , hospital,
- , mental health,
- , limited dental,
- , chiropractic,
- , pharmacy.
- , birth control,
- , emergency room and emergency transportation,
- , lab and x-rays,
- , medical supplies,
- , nursing home,
- , maternity care,
- , physical therapy, and
- , some transportation services

If you are interested in applying or want more information about Medicaid you may call: 1(800)662-9651 or look in your phone book in the blue pages under State government listings for Health Department or Department Workforce Services.

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## *What is Medicaid?*



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Medicaid is a program which covers medical expenses for certain groups of people who have limited income and resources. Medicaid has programs for pregnant women, children, parents and other relatives who have dependent children living with them, people who are over age 64, people who are disabled or blind, and adults age 19-64 who do not have access to affordable health insurance.

## **Who is eligible?**

To be eligible for Medicaid a person must meet the following requirements. A person must:

- meet a Medicaid program
- be a U.S. citizen or qualified resident alien (unless applying for emergency services only)
- meet income and asset limits
- intend to be a Utah resident

## **How do I apply?**

Applications are available at any of the State Health Department offices, Department of Workforce Services offices, or call 1-800-662-9651. Many hospitals and health clinics around the state have Medicaid workers onsite to take your application.

You may apply in person or by mail. When we receive your application, a Medicaid worker will contact you to do an interview. The interview may be done in person or over the phone. The Medicaid worker will tell you what proofs you need to give us to decide if you are eligible. You can mail these proofs to your worker or bring them to our office.

## **Some helpful definitions**

### **Assets**

Bank and credit union accounts, cash, stocks, bonds, life insurance policies. Items that you and your family own or are buying such as vehicles, a home or other property. Some assets are exempt from being counted towards your eligibility.

### **Income**

Earned income such as wages or tips and unearned income such as social security, unemployment, or child support. These are just a few examples of income. When determining your eligibility we look at income before any deductions.

### **Medicare**

A health insurance program for the aged or disabled administered by the Social Security Administration. Utah's Department of Health has Medicare cost sharing programs that will help

some of the costs associated with Medicare.

### **PCN**

Primary Care Network is a program for adults age 19-64 who do not have access to affordable health insurance.

### **CHIP**

Children's Health Insurance Program is for children under the age of 19 who do not qualify for Medicaid and do not have access to affordable health insurance.

### **Retroactive benefits**

You may request Medicaid for any of the three months immediately preceding the date we receive your application. For example, if we received your application on June 14, we can look for eligibility back to March 14.

### **Spenddown**

A spenddown is the difference between the income we count and the income limit for the household size and program type. If you are over the countable income limit, this is the amount you will have to pay to buy your Medicaid card each month. You are spending down your income to the income limit. Not all Medicaid programs allow you to spenddown to become eligible.